

**PRE-COUNCIL WORK SESSION, THURSDAY
January 26, 1995, 8:30 A.M.**

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS,
BASEMENT CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL**

The City Council of the City of Abilene, Texas, met in a Pre-Council Work Session on January 26, 1995, at 8:30 A.M. in the Basement Conference Room of City Hall. Mayor Pro Tempore Ray Ferguson was present and presiding with Councilmen Paul R. Vasquez, A. Don Drennan, Jimmy McNeil, and Russell Berry. Also present were City Manager Lanny Lambert, Assistant City Manager Roy L. McDaniel, City Attorney Harvey Cargill, Assistant to the City Manager Debra Guerra, Acting City Secretary Debbie Hurley, and various members of the City staff. Mayor Gary D. McCaleb and Councilwoman Liz Herrera were absent.

Mike Bieniek, Planning & Zoning, briefed the Council on the Box City Program for 5th grade ALPS students. City Manager Lanny Lambert outlined the City's position on item 8, Public Appearance by Texas Department of Transportation regarding the Buffalo Gap Road at Winters Freeway Project. The Council briefly discussed various consent and regular agenda items, and there being no further discussion, the meeting was recessed until 9:00 a.m. for the regular Council Meeting.

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
January 26, 1995, 9:00 A.M.**

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF CITY HALL**

Mayor Pro Tempore Ferguson reconvened the City Council of the City of Abilene, Texas, into Regular Session January 26, 1995, at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

Invocation was given by Councilman Jimmy McNeil.

Councilman Vasquez requested an amendment to the January 12, 1995 City Council minutes on Item 8b regarding single family detached dwellings to clarify that the Ordinance does not limit the dwellings to one story. There being no corrections, additions, or deletions, Councilman Berry moved to approve the minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Councilman McNeil and the motion carried.

AYES: Councilmen Vasquez, Drennan, McNeil, Berry, and Mayor Ferguson.

NAYS: None.

Mayor Ferguson presented the following proclamations:

February as Volunteer Blood Donor Month, and

February 6-10 as National School Counseling Week.

Councilman Drennan moved to approve consent agenda items 5b through 5f, 6a through 6e, and approval of first reading for item 5a, as recommended by the staff. The motion was seconded by Councilman Berry and the motion carried.

AYES: Councilmen Vasquez, Drennan, McNeil, Berry, and Mayor Ferguson.

NAYS: None.

5. Ordinances and Resolutions:

a. Approval of first reading - An Ordinance adopting 1994 Uniform Building Code with amendments, and set a public hearing for February 9, 1995 at 9:00 a.m.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 8, "CONSTRUCTION REGULATIONS", ARTICLE VI, "UNIFORM CODES AND OTHER REGULATIONS", DIVISION 2, "BUILDING CODE", OF THE ABILENE MUNICIPAL CODE, BY AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS AS SET OUT BELOW; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, AND DECLARING A PENALTY.

b. Oral Resolution authorizing City Manager to execute Professional Services Agreement with the engineering firm of Jacob & Martin, Inc. for evaluation of raw water delivery and water distribution systems.

c. Oral Resolution approving City of Abilene 1995 ADA Paratransit plan update.

d. Oral Resolution authorizing the Director of Economic Development or his designee to enter into a grant agreement with the Abilene Preservation League for selective demolition and removal of non-historic material in the Elks building.

e. Resolution calling City Council election for May 6, 1995.

f. Oral Resolution approving and authorizing City Manager to execute a contract between City and Abilene Improvement Corporation (AIC) under which AIC would serve as non-profit developer of specific public/private downtown projects.

6. Award of Bid:

a. Replacement cab for sideloader refuse truck. The bid for the purchase and installation of a new cab for Unit 2328 was awarded to R. L. Anderson International Inc., for an amount not to exceed \$18,000.00 as recommended by staff.

b. Rebuild caterpillar D6D dozer for flood control division, **Bid #CB5011**. The bid was awarded to West Texas Equipment Co., the low responsible bidder in the amount of \$105,000.00 as recommended by staff.

c. Dumptruck with articulating crane for flood control division, **Bid #CB5014**. The bid was

awarded to R. L. Anderson International Inc., the low responsible bidder in the amount of \$69,225.48, as recommended by staff.

d.Track dozer for water distribution division, **Bid #CB5017**. The bid was awarded to West Texas Equipment Company, the low responsible bidder with trade in, in the amount of \$114,346.00 as recommended by staff.

e.Ditching machine with backhoe attachment for parks maintenance division, **Bid #CB5023**. The bid was awarded to Ditch Witch Southwest, the low responsible bidder in the amount of \$26,015.00 as recommended by staff.

7. Ordinances and Resolutions:

a. Ron Quarles, Acting Assistant Director of Planning and Development Services for Planning, briefed the Council on an Ordinance considered on second and final reading for thoroughfare abandonment - **TC-00295** - Request from Elsie Powalinsky for a thoroughfare closure of a 20' east-west alley in the 2400 block of Lincoln Drive. The Planning and Zoning Commission and staff recommend approval, subject to retention of a utility and drainage easement the length and width of the alley.

Mayor Ferguson opened a public hearing on the item, and the following individual spoke in favor of the request:

. Elsie Powalinsky, 3201 N. 3rd, proponent.

There being no one else present and desiring to be heard, the public hearing was closed.

Councilman Berry moved to approve the Ordinance for a thoroughfare closure of a 20' east-west alley in the 2400 block of Lincoln Drive, subject to retention of a utility and drainage easement the length and width of the alley, as recommended by staff. The motion was seconded by Councilman Drennan and the motion carried.

AYES: Councilmen Vasquez, Drennan, McNeil, Berry, and Mayor Ferguson.

NAYS: None.

The Ordinance is numbered **5-1995** and is captioned as follows:

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ABANDONMENT OF A PORTION OF PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY; PROVIDING FOR THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH ABANDONMENT, AND CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING.

8. Public Appearance:

City Manager Lanny Lambert stated the next item on the agenda would be a presentation by Texas Department of Transportation on the Buffalo Gap Road at Winters Freeway Project, but he first wanted to comment on the City's position, which is simply that this is not the City's project, but the State has our full support and cooperation. He stated this item is not a public hearing, but rather a request from the Council to the Department of Transportation for a history and description of the process. Mr. Lambert then asked James Condry, Assistant Director of Development Services for Public Works, to come forward and introduce the representatives from TxDOT. Mr. Condry introduced Thomas Bohuslov, District Director of Operations, and Doug Eichorst, District Design Engineer. Mr. Bohuslov presented the background of the project, and Mr. Eichorst outlined the phases and time projections of the renovation process, indicating a completion date of November, 1995.

Following the presentation, City Manager Lambert stated no executive session would be held, and suggested Mayor Ferguson might wish to proceed with adjournment of the meeting, and any Councilmember or citizen wishing to could remain to speak with the representatives from the Department of Transportation.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Debbie Hurley
Acting City Secretary

Ray Ferguson
Mayor Pro Tempore

